



**ULSTER REGIONAL GANG ENFORCEMENT NARCOTICS TEAM
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PRESS RELEASE

Members of the **ULSTER REGIONAL GANG ENFORCEMENT NARCOTICS TEAM (URGENT)** report the arrest of a Kingston man subsequent a marihuana investigation. Kingston Police and URGENT have received multiple complaints in regard to drug sales to High School students at 138 Clifton Avenue. URGENT initiated an investigation and obtained a search warrant for the location. Members of URGENT executed the search warrant Friday afternoon after a flurry of drug activity at the residence. A search of the residence revealed: approximately 9 ounces of marihuana, drug packaging material, electronic scales, over \$1000.00 in US Currency and other drug paraphernalia. Burton "Burt" Aldrich, 47, of 138 Clifton Ave, Kingston, was arrested inside the residence and transported to Kingston Police Headquarters. Aldrich was charged with: Criminal Sale of a Marihuana 2nd degree (*for selling marihuana to a person less than 18 years of age*), a class D felony, Criminal Possession of Marihuana 3rd degree, class E felony and Unlawful Possession of Marihuana. Aldrich was held in Kingston City Detention and then released on his own recognizance by Kingston City Court to appear on a later date. Further, Mark E. Vansteenburgh, 44, of Chugiak, Alaska was charged with unlawful Possession of Marihuana. Vansteenburgh was issued an appearance ticket and released. URGENT was assisted by uniformed members of the Kingston Police assigned to OPERATION IMPACT.

The following agencies have members assigned to URGENT: Ulster County Sheriff's Office, Kingston Police, Town of Ulster Police, Town of Saugerties Police, Town of Lloyd Police, Town of New Paltz Police, Town of Plattekill Police, Town of Rosendale Police, Town of Shandaken Police, Ulster County Probation and United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Questions can be directed to Det/Lt. Edwin Brewster at (845)750-5894.

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